

# Telehealth Advisory Committee

July 21, 2021, 3:00 PM  
801 E Jefferson Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034  
Arizona Room - Fourth Floor

## MEETING MINUTES

### Agenda Item

#### 1. Call to Order

Christina Corieri, Co-Chair

#### 2. Welcome/Introductions

Christina Corieri

##### **Attended:**

Christina Corieri  
Ginny Rountree  
Kim Egan  
Shannon Scott  
Ross Goldberg Valleywise  
Wade McDowell  
Betty Macintire  
Joel Bartholomy  
Amber Porter  
Manny Romero  
Darren Deering  
Nicole  
Katie  
Amy En  
Miacheal Boylan  
Sara Salek

##### **Virtually Attended:**

Leanne Henagan  
Patricia Taragno  
Marc Bloomenstein  
Bryan Davey  
Mike Boylan

#### 3. Committee Tasks

Dr. Sara Salek, Co-Chair

The Committee reviewed the slides and tasks related to the Committee in the Summary HB2454

Two deadlines are outlined the HB2454:

December 1, 2021 first deadline/tasks – Recommendations

June 30, 2022 best practices

Initial Committee meeting was held in person for committee members to notarize their oaths. Future meetings will be held virtually, but we will decide if the sub-committees will meet in person.

Committee charter – the legislature wants your opinions  
Payment parity for audio visual – it is up to the committee if it is not appropriate  
Audio only would not be covered unless this committee decides.

There were no questions from the Committee

#### **4. Formation of Sub-Committees**

Dr. Sara Salek

The Committee reviewed the proposed sub-committees.

1. Audio-only telehealth

2. Telehealth best practice guidelines for health care providers

The Committee discussed separating out sub-committees by behavioral health and physical health.

The Committee discussed having a third sub-committee

3. Audio/Visual sub-committee and separating out BH and PH as sub-committees)

The Committee agreed to use the term Physical health instead of acute care.

The Committee discussed how detailed the recommendations from the committee will be. It was discussed that details will include identifying clinical appropriateness and looking at the coding level. AHCCCS

already has a code list posted and it will be reviewed as well.

The Committee discussed reviewing the audio only codes – review pre pandemic coverage, during the pandemic, and post pandemic coverage. The Committee will review what has been useful and lend professional expertise.

A Committee member asked if the plan was for payers to cover what AHCCCS does or if this is what the committee decides. It was discussed that the committee be helping with the AHCCCS list. Dr. Salek mentioned that we would like to have parity and uniform coverage across the system, and she noted that the AHCCCS audio only list was in response to provider requests.

The Committee discussed a two-step process including looking at the AHCCCS allowable code list for prior/current pandemic then reviewing if additional codes need to be added. And recommend looking at best practices while reviewing codes.

AHCCCS will have the certified medical coder join sub-committee meetings as needed for those discussions

The Committee agreed that sub-committees will report out to larger Committee and incorporate best practices in their discussions.

Audio only sub-committee will be prioritized since the report is due in December

The audio/visual subcommittee will begin in December 2021 with a report due in June 2022.

A survey will be sent out to committee members to ask for volunteers on the Audio Only sub-committees. Committee members can participate on multiple sub-committees.

The committee discussed the possibility of future sub-committees including Store and Forward & Teledentistry

The kick off meeting for the Audio Only PH and Audio Only BH sub-committees will be 2 hours with the first meeting being hosted in August. At the August meeting, the sub-committee will decide going forward meeting cadence.

The Committee meeting will reconvene in September and will be held virtually. The group recommended 1 hour to allow for sub-committees to report out. It was recommended that the Committee meet monthly based on the report deadline.

We will be creating a Google Drive and Google Docs for the reference documents and workgroups.

House Bill

Summary

Audio only code list

Include telephonic permanent code list (prior to pandemic)

Arizona telemedicine program

Alliance for Connected Care

American Telemedicine

## **5. Call to the Public**

Christina Corieri

Public can send comments to mailbox and we can review at future meeting

Public comments can be sent to [Lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov](mailto:Lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov) for review.

## **6. 2021 Meeting Dates**

Dr. Sara Salek

## **7. Adjourn**

Christina Corieri

Please contact Lauren Prole at (602) 417-4528 or [lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov](mailto:lauren.prole@azahcccs.gov) with any questions.